

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE METROPOLITAN BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, November 3, 1965  
Room 253-1441 Drummond Streets, 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. I.R.Tait, Chairman, Messrs. R.E.Heartz, W.D.Robb, E.Smith,  
A.E.Sargent, G.Shaw, N.Wrightson, F.G.Hubbard, H.Umphrey,  
R.S.Whittingham

REGRETS: Messrs. W.E.Adkins, F.F.Fulton, R.C.Rae

INVOCATION: The invocation was said by R.S.Whittingham

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 1965 having  
previously been circulated were taken as read and upon motion  
duly passed were accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

H.F.HALL BUILDING - PROGRESS REPORT:

Mr. A.E.Sargent reported that the general progress of the  
building continues to be satisfactory and all schedules are  
being well maintained.

Significant items of importance were reported as follows:

Temporary heating assured for week commencing November 15,  
1965.

Building totally enclosed except for the 10th floor by  
November 15, 1965.

Windows being installed at the rate of 50 per day. General  
contractor has agreed to accept responsibility for damage  
resulting from advanced scheduling of window installation  
which is being undertaken to avoid temporary closing in  
with polyethylene.

Plastering complete on basement, sub-basement and mezzanine.

Use of epoxy terazzo floors instead of vinyl asbestos tile  
has been rejected due to additional cost of \$160,000. which  
is equivalent to a six times replacement factor for normal  
usage of vinyl asbestos tile. Consideration is presently  
being given to using epoxy terazzo on the fourth and fifth  
floors in heavy traffic areas only.

Escalator frame work installed to the top floor; escalator  
gear work presently being installed.

Masonry work schedule much improved.

Roofing complete except for flashing.

On the basis of present progress it is expected that the  
building will be fully complete for occupancy as scheduled,  
however, some concern is felt about the timing for the insta-  
llation of lab furnishings.

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LABORATORY FURNISHINGS CONTRACT:

A misunderstanding with Wilson Science Equipment Limited regarding the posting of a performance bond has resulted in difficulties in obtaining this bond from the Wilson Company. The non-availability of appropriate signatures from Wilson Science Equipment Limited has been explained to the bonding company who are attempting to remedy this situation. It was stated that the Wilson Company have been behind schedule on all requirements, however, commencing Monday November 8, 1965 this company will assign one man solely to the H.F.Hall project and it is expected that a marked improvement will result. This position is being watched closely by our Architects and Consultants.

RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDERS:

A statement of change orders approved since the last meeting and a summary of the total contract position to November 1, 1965 copies of which are filed with these minutes were reviewed. Upon motion duly made it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

that such change orders be and they are hereby ratified and accepted as forming a part of the total contract position now amounting to \$19,022,263.

FEDERAL SALES TAX CLAIM:

It was reported that a claim for refund of Federal Sales Tax in amount \$369,682.60 had been filed with the Federal Excise Department. Subsequently our records have been examined by a Federal Sales Tax Auditor who has questioned the validity of including some items on the grounds that they are "not incorporated in the building". These items include, equipment rental, setting up office permits, fire insurance, temporary services, kitchen equipment. It was agreed that the Federal Sales Tax Auditor would apply to Ottawa for a ruling on these items and as of this date no reply has been received.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC SALES TAX ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

It was noted that present Quebec legislation does not provide for a refund of sales tax on the construction of educational buildings. In consequence it was decided to defer any further action with the Province in this regard until further information becomes available from other educational construction projects.

A request from Perini Quebec Incorporated to discontinue their monthly reporting of sales tax information was refused at this time. It was thought advisable that Perini continue to provide sales tax information in accordance with the contract, until the position with Quebec had been further clarified and the Federal refund claim realized.



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ARCHITECTS FEES:

As indicated in the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 1965 the question of Messrs. Ross, Fish, Duschenes and Barrett making a donation to the University campaign equivalent to that part of their fee as calculated on the refundable portion of the 11% Federal Sales Tax, has been suggested to them. To date no reply has been received and it is presumed that this suggestion is still under consideration by them.

DOWNTOWN BRANCH LOCKER ROOM RENOVATIONS:

The General Secretary stated that he had received a report from the Downtown branch outlining a proposal for a substantial re-arrangement of the lower floor facilities to meet the increasing requirements of the senior and business men's health club membership. It was believed however that at this point the study was not sufficiently detailed, and it was the intention of the General Secretary to request further details and costs from the Building and Furnishings Service, New York. Further action is deferred pending receipt of this information.

BRANCH RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS:

A program of Branch renovations and repairs has been in progress throughout the summer and fall months a significant part of which has been the conversion of furnace operations at International, N.D.G. and Westmount Branches from coal burning to oil burner operations. The change over at International is complete, Westmount is operating one boiler on oil with the second boiler in process of conversion and N.D.G. will be fully converted when present coal stocks are exhausted.

TERMINATION OF MEETING:

There being no further business for consideration the meeting was declared terminated at 1:55 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman